(iii) 1-6-1986 से 31-8-91 तक की अवधि के दौरान सील की गई सम्पत्तियां 990

दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा भी अप्रैल, 1991 से अक्तूबर, 1991 तक 1266 अनधिकृत ढांचे हटाए गये।

Corruption in Postal and Telecommunication Department

148. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Postal and Telecomunication Departments have been put under the surveillance of CBI to weed out corruption therefrom as reported in the *Hindustan Times* of the 8th October, 1991;

(b) if so, the extent to which Government have succeeded in weeding out corruption from Postal and Telecommunication departments through CBI;

(c) what are the details of corruption cases solved by CBI in this regard;

(d) the number of complaints received by Government against the departments since January 1991, till date; and

(e) the details of the departmental action thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) As per the existing provisions of the Government of India, the activities of the Departments of Posts and Telecom. are subject to the surveillance/investigation of the CBI.

(b) and (c) The CBI is investigating and registering cases of malpractices and corruption from time to time and the Departments of Posts and Telecommunication are taking suitable disciplinary action against the delinquent officials.

(d) 22 cases in respect of Gazetted Officers and 20 cases in respect of non-Gazetted officers have been registered by the C.B.I.

(e) All these cases are under process for Departmental action/prosecution in the Courts of Law.

Illegal stone quarrying activities in Delhi and Faridabad

149. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a powerful group of contractors having political links both at the Centre and the Haryana Government have entrenched themselves in hundreds of acres of prized land in Delhi and Faridabad with a view to illegally extract Silica and Stone as stated in the news item entitled "Illegal Stone Quarrying-Robbing Forest land of natural wealth"; which appeared in the *Times of India*, dated September 3, 1991; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken/propose to take against the contractors engaged in illegal stone-quarrying activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone Connections recommended by Members of Parliament

150. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state-

(a) what is the number of telephone connections recommended by Members of Parliament from their quota during the current year; till date;

(b) the number of telephone connections sanctioned out of these recommendations till date;

(c) the number of telephones installed till date; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to simplify the procedure of sanctioning and installation of telephones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) During the current year about 7086 telephone connections have been sanctioned on the basis of recommendations of Members of Parliament.

(c) and (d) The exact number of telephone connections installed by field units out of the above sanctions, is not readily available. However, the field units have already been instructed to install all telephone connections on priority subject to technical feasibility and other departmental formalities.

Illegal domestic and international telephone calls

151. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and other major cities make illegal domestic and international telephone calls by bribing the telecom officials;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in this process some unsuspecting subscribers and Government have suffered losses;

(c) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take against such corrupt officials; and

(d) what remedial action Government propose to take in respect of the losses suffered by unsuspecting subscribers due to these corrupt practice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The department has taken notice of the complaints published in the newspapers alleging that some persons are indulging in the malpractice of illegal international calls.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Vigilance Monitoring has been stepped up. Officials of the Telecom. Department found to be indulging in such malpractices are dealt with under the disciplinary rules.

(d) A committee has been set up in suggest Modifications to the Indian Telegraph Act with a view to provide for deterrent penalties for such offenders.

Development of fisheries

152. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to speed up the development of fisheries in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that World Bank has agreed to provide financial assistance for the purpose;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the number of such projects likely to be located in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A World Bank Appraisal Mission visited India during June-July, 1991 and appraised a Shrimp and Fish culture project for implementation in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal from 1992-93 onwards for a period of 7 years. The Project envisages:

(i) development of 3810 ha. brackish water land in Andhra Pradesh,